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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") dated October 12, 2004, the PTO has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) requiring submission of a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each cited U.S. patent application for all applications regardless of filing date and for all international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 regardless of U.S. filing date. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits copies of the non-U.S. references identified on the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Some of the attached references were cited in the corresponding Specification of the present Application or in a corresponding PCT application (PCT/GB2004/003520). A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed. Please note any writings or notes on the references were made by the PCT International Search Authority, not Applicant.

Since this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Official Action on the merits, applicant respectfully submits that no fee is necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2803.

Applicant is submitting this art because Applicant recognizes his duty to disclose pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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Respectfully submitted,

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